

26 January 2002

Ms. Laura Fay  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Division of Surface Water, 401 Wetlands Section  
122 South Front Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

Re: Application - Section 401 Water Quality Certification

Dear Ms. Fay:

On behalf of the American Energy Corporation, attached please find four copies of the Application for an OEPA Section 401 Water Quality Certification, relative to the Century mine coarse coal refuse disposal project.

The Application includes a Mitigation Plan for impacting 1.774 acres of wetlands, 7,161 lineal feet of intermittent streams and 2,002 lineal feet of ephemeral streams.

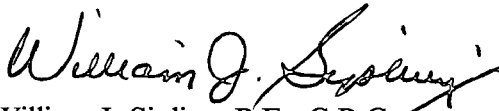
Please feel free to call if there any questions. All correspondence should be directed to:

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Respectfully submitted,

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